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## POPULATION AND VITALS

TABLE 1 - QUEENSLAND POPULATION(a)

Period	Estimated resident population '000	Natural increase(b) '000	Net migration			Increase during period	
			Interstate(c) '000	Overseas(d) '000	Total '000	Number '000	Proportion(e) %
2005							
Sep qtr	3,994.9	6.3	6.1	5.4	11.5	17.8	0.4
2006							
Jun qtr	4,053.4	8.3	6.4	3.1	9.5	17.7	0.4
Sep qtr	4,070.4	5.8	5.6	5.6	11.2	17.0	0.4

(a) Estimates for overseas migration, net migration, total population growth and estimated resident population from September quarter 2005 onwards are preliminary.

(b) Excess of births over deaths.

(c) Estimates for interstate migration have been derived from the latest census data on interstate movement in the preceding one year and unidentified information on interstate changes of address advised to Medicare Australia in the process of administering Medicare.

(d) See Technical Note Measuring Net Overseas Migration in the 3101.0 link below.

(e) The increase during the period expressed as a proportion of the population at the beginning of the period.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0).

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TABLE 2 - QUEENSLAND ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION(a) AT 30 JUNE

Statistical Division	2001 '000	2005r '000	2006p '000	Change	Change
				2001-2006p(b)	2005-06
Brisbane	1,629.1	1,790.9	1,820.4	2.2	1.6
Gold Coast	432.6	494.2	507.9	3.3	2.8
Sunshine Coast	247.2	283.5	290.2	3.3	2.3
West Moreton	65.7	69.8	70.9	1.5	1.6
Wide Bay-Burnett	236.5	257.8	264.2	2.2	2.5
Darling Downs	210.4	223.2	226.4	1.5	1.5
South West	27.0	27.1	27.1	0.1	0.0
Fitzroy	181.7	190.5	193.2	1.2	1.4
Central West	12.5	12.3	12.2	-0.6	-0.8
Mackay	137.5	147.9	151.6	2.0	2.5
Northern	190.3	206.3	210.9	2.1	2.3
Far North	224.2	239.3	243.9	1.7	1.9
North West	34.3	34.3	34.6	0.2	0.7
Queensland(c)	3,628.9	3,977.1	4,053.4	2.2	1.9

(a) Estimates use the 2006 edition of the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) (cat. no. 1216.0). Estimates for 2001 are final, based on results of the 2001 Census of Population and Housing, while those for 2005 are revised estimates and 2006 estimates are preliminary.  
 (b) Average annual growth rate.  
 (c) Including Off-Shore Areas and Migratory.

Source: Regional Population Growth, Australia (cat. no. 3218.0).

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## EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

**TABLE 3 - QUEENSLAND CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE STATUS(a)(b)**

Period	Employed			Unemployed		Total labour force		Partici- pation rate %	Not in labour force '000	Civilian popula- tion aged 15 years and over '000
	Full-time '000	Part-time '000	Total '000	Number '000	Unemploy- ment rate %	Number '000	Number '000			
ORIGINAL DATA										
2006										
Feb	1,445.3	543.5	1,988.7	130.4	6.2	2,119.2	66.4	1,071.2	3,190.4	
2007										
Jan	1,519.1	563.5	2,082.5	99.0	4.5	2,181.5	66.9	1,079.7	3,261.2	
Feb	1,538.2	566.3	2,104.4	103.7	4.7	2,208.2	67.6	1,059.7	3,267.9	
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES(c)										
2006										
Feb	1,438.7	na	1,999.3	111.4	5.3	2,110.7	66.2	na	na	
2007										
Jan	1,524.6	na	2,120.2	88.6	4.0	2,208.8	67.7	na	na	
Feb	1,531.3	na	2,116.5	88.2	4.0	2,204.7	67.5	na	na	
TREND ESTIMATES(c)										
2006										
Feb	1,433.3	na	2,000.8	107.0	5.1	2,107.8	66.1	na	na	
2007										
Jan	1,525.9	na	2,108.0	88.2	4.0	2,196.1	67.4	na	na	
Feb	1,529.8	na	2,115.3	87.1	4.0	2,202.4	67.4	na	na	

na not available

(a) From February 2004, labour force estimates have been compiled using benchmarks based on results of the 2001 Census of Population and Housing.  
 (b) See Sampling errors in Labour Force Survey in Key Statistics Explanatory Notes below.  
 (c) Revisions in Seasonally Adjusted and Trend estimates are explained in the section 'Seasonal Adjustment and Trend Estimation' in the Explanatory Notes of **Labour Force, Australia** (cat. no. 6202.0).

Source: Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0).

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**TABLE 4 - QUEENSLAND LABOUR FORCE(a) - EMPLOYEES BY INDUSTRY**

Industry division	Feb 2006 '000	Nov 2006 '000	Feb 2007 '000
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	34.4	40.7	42.8
Mining	35.4	34.3	37.2
Manufacturing	169.4	174.6	168.4
Electricity, gas and water	18.5	12.4	17.6
Construction	138.6	161.1	168.5
Wholesale trade	74.1	76.9	73.5
Retail trade	281.6	283.7	298.1
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	98.3	101.5	101.6
Transport and storage	87.8	92.8	100.9
Communication services	22.7	23.0	29.2
Finance and insurance	47.4	57.3	55.7
Property and business services	185.9	202.2	202.6
Government administration and defence	92.6	97.8	106.7
Education	140.0	136.5	137.8
Health and community services	183.4	191.2	193.9
Cultural and recreational services	42.6	44.5	45.6
Personal and other services	67.7	62.7	62.3
<b>Total all industries(b)</b>	<b>1,720.5</b>	<b>1,793.2</b>	<b>1,842.4</b>

(a) Estimates have been revised using updated population benchmarks and incorporating a minor change to the definition of unemployed persons. Detail of these changes can be found in the following article; Australia's Labour Market Statistics, April 2004, Feature Article - Technical Report: Improvements to Labour Force Estimates (cat. no. 6105.0).

(b) Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

Source: Labour Force, Australia, Detailed - Electronic Delivery, Quarterly (cat. no. 6291.0.55.003).

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## WAGES AND PRICES

**TABLE 5 - QUEENSLAND AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES: TREND**

Period(a)	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full-time adult ordinary employees	All full-time adult employees	All earnings	Full-time adult ordinary employees	All full-time adult employees	All earnings	Full-time adult ordinary employees	All full-time employees	All total earnings
			\$		\$	\$		\$	\$
2005									
Nov	1,015.00	1,079.80	900.60	866.00	880.10	598.30	960.60	1,005.80	752.90
2006									
Aug	1,042.70	1,119.10	976.70	884.40	900.30	628.50	984.60	1,039.50	808.10
Nov	1,052.80	1,130.90	988.60	889.40	905.40	640.80	992.50	1,046.80	818.50

(a) The actual reference period is the last pay period ending on or before the third Friday of the middle month of the quarter.

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, Australia (cat. no. 6302.0).

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**TABLE 6 - CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(a), BRISBANE**

Period	Communication	Recreation	Education	Financial and insurance services(c)	All groups		All groups % change from same quarter previous year
					All groups	% change from previous quarter	
2005							
Dec qtr	112.4	127.6	266.7	100.9	152.1	0.8	2.8
2006							
Sep qtr	113.8	129.1	270.9	101.5	157.5	0.8	4.4
Dec qtr	114.4	130.1	271.0	102.0	157.3	-0.1	3.4

(a) Unless otherwise specified, base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

(b) Series renamed and changed to composition (linked to 14th series equivalent), see Appendix 2 of **Consumer Price Index, September quarter 2005** (cat. no. 6401.0).

(c) Base: June quarter 2005 = 100.0.

Note: Analytical Living Cost Indexes for Selected Australian Household Types are compiled once a year after each June quarter release of this publication. The latest update of these series, to June quarter 2003, was released in the September 2004 issue of the Australian Economic Indicators (cat. no. 1350.0). A link to this article can be found in Related Links on the [ABS CPI web site page](#).

Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6401.0).

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## BUILDING

**TABLE 7 - QUEENSLAND BUILDING ACTIVITY(a)(b)(c), ORIGINAL**

Sep	5,132	3,585	8,729	1,118.4	842.5	1,275.0	3,486.9	4,218.6
qtr								

(a) The scope of building activity includes all new residential buildings; alterations and additions to residential buildings with an approval value of \$10,000 and over; and non-residential building (including alterations and additions to existing buildings) with an approval value of \$50,000 and over.

(b) Data are inclusive of non-deductible GST payable on residential buildings. See paragraphs under '**GST on Building Activity**' at bottom of page.

(c) Some data items have been revised. For further information, see notes in the latest issue of **Building Activity, Australia** (cat. no. 8752.0).

(d) Including alterations, additions and conversions.

(e) Including dwellings created as a result of alterations and additions.

(f) Including alterations and additions (valued at \$10,000 and over) to residential buildings, which are not shown in the foregoing columns.

(g) Including building work that is uncompleted during the period.

Source: Building Activity, Australia (cat. no. 8752.0).

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**TABLE 8 - QUEENSLAND BUILDING APPROVALS(a)(b), ORIGINAL**

Period	Dwelling units in new residential buildings			Value of all residential buildings			Value of all non-residential buildings Total \$m
	Private sector no.	Public sector no.	Total no.	Private sector \$m	Public sector \$m	Total \$m	
2006							
Jan	2,081	33	2,114	543.7	14.7	558.5	445.9
Dec	2,820	43	2,863	680.5	9.6	690.2	293.8
2007							
Jan	2,989	38	3,027	817.3	7.6	824.8	592.1

(a) The scope of building approvals includes all approved new residential building jobs valued at \$10,000 or more; all approved non-residential building jobs valued at \$50,000 or more; and approved alterations and additions valued at \$10,000 or more to residential buildings.

(b) Revisions to previously published statistics are included in the table.

Source: Building Approvals, Australia (cat. no. 8731.0).

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## FINANCE

**TABLE 9 - QUEENSLAND HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION), ORIGINAL(a)(b)(c)**

Period	By purpose					By type of buyer		
	For purchase of newly constructed dwellings(d)			For purchase of established dwellings(d)		First home buyers		Non-first home buyers(d)
	For purchase of newly constructed dwellings(d)	For purchase of established dwellings(d)	Total dwellings	For refinancing of established dwellings	Number of dwellings financed	Average borrowing size	Number of dwellings financed	Average borrowing size
no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	\$'000	no.	\$'000

2006									
Jan	691	423	9,230	10,344	3,024	1,951	219.6	8,393	222.6
Dec	1,150	477	11,412	13,039	3,842	2,350	226.4	10,689	226.9
2007									
Jan	1,096	483	10,599	12,178	3,455	2,353	227.4	9,825	224.9

(a) Excluding alterations and additions.

(b) Seasonal effects and non-seasonal volatility can cause fluctuations in data. Seasonally adjusted and trend figures can be used to take these fluctuations into account and are available on request.

(c) Revisions to previously published statistics are included in the table.

(d) Including refinancing.

Source: Housing Finance, Australia (cat. no. 5609.0).

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TRADE

**TABLE 10 - VALUE OF INTERSTATE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS(a)(b)(c), QUEENSLAND**

Period	Total exports \$'000	Change from previous period %	Change from same qtr previous year %	Total imports \$'000	Change from previous period %	Change from same qtr previous year %
					2005	2006
Dec qtr	2,585,849	8.0	10.1	5,688,532	1.1	-12.9
Sep qtr	2,431,004r	9.4r	1.6r	5,842,287r	10.2r	3.8r
Dec qtr	2,655,755	9.2	2.7	5,987,450	2.5	5.3

(a) Interstate exports and imports are compiled using a classification based on the Standard International Trade Classification (Revision 3).

(b) In compiling the estimates of Interstate Trade for OESR, the ABS uses a partial coverage census based on businesses with more than \$400,000 of interstate trade. This collection is now under review due to frame and coverage issues. New businesses are not well represented, so the estimates are likely to be understated. The estimates are prepared for use in the compilation of Treasury's State Accounts and users should exercise strong caution in their independent use.

(c) September quarter 2006 figures revised due to a systems error.

Source: Queensland Treasury, Office of Economic and Statistical Research (QESR).

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TABLE 11 - QUEENSLAND RETAIL TURNOVER BY INDUSTRY(a): ORIGINAL(b)

Period	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing & soft goods retailing	Household goods retailing	Recreational goods retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality & services	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>2006</b>								
Jan	1,361.8	220.1	270.3	512.3	^152.8	334.2	641.5	3,493.2
Dec	1,654.0	483.6	342.5	718.1	241.2	523.8	692.8	4,656.0
<b>2007</b>								
Jan	1,522.7	243.1	255.7	591.4	^156.7	329.9	603.4	3,702.9

<sup>^</sup> estimate has a relative standard error of 10% to less than 25% and should be used with caution

(a) See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes in Retail Trade, Australia (cat. no. 8501.0).

(b) Seasonal effects and non-seasonal volatility can cause fluctuations in data. Seasonally adjusted and trend figures can be used to take these fluctuations into account and are available in Retail Trade, Australia (cat. no. 8501.0).

Source: Retail Trade, Australia (cat. no. 8501.0).

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## TOURISM

**TABLE 12 - LICENSED HOTELS, MOTELS, GUEST HOUSES AND SERVICED APARTMENTS(a), QUEENSLAND**

Period	Establish- ments no.	Guest rooms no.	Bed spaces no.	Room nights occupied	Room occupancy rate(b)	Guest nights	Bed occupancy rate	Guest arrivals	Takings from accomm- modation(b) \$'000	
				'000	%	'000	%	'000		
2005										
	Sep qtr	1,069	56,896	174,612	3,783.8	72.3	7,500.0	46.7	2739.5	475,123
2006										
	Jun qtr	1,070	56,682	176,640	3,251.1	63.0	6,172.4	38.4	2375.8	411,070
	Sep qtr	1,073	56,970	177,553	3,845.9	73.4	7,455.9	45.7	2772.3	505,820

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

(b) Seasonally adjusted and trend figures are available for room occupancy rates and takings from accommodation in the data cube; Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, Queensland (cat. no. 8635.3.55.001).

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Australia (cat. no. 8635.0).

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## Key Statistics Explanatory Notes

### Sampling errors in Labour Force Survey

The estimates in **Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0)** are based on a sample survey. Because the entire population is not enumerated, the published estimates and the movements derived from them are subject to sampling variability. Standard errors give a measure of this variability and appear on pages 27 and 28 of **Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0)**.

The 95% confidence intervals below provide another way of looking at the variability inherent in estimates from sample surveys. The interval bounded by the two limits is the 95% confidence interval. A 95% confidence interval has a 95% chance of including the true value of the estimate.

### MOVEMENTS IN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES BETWEEN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2007 - QUEENSLAND

Monthly change

95% Confidence interval

Total employment	-3,700	20,300	to	-27,700
Total unemployment	-400	12,000	to	-12,800
Unemployment rate	0.0	0.6	to	-0.6
Participation rate	-0.2	0.6	to	-1.0

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## GST on Building Activity

Within building activity statistics, purchasers of residential structures are unable to deduct GST from the purchase price. For non-residential structures, the reverse is true. While the ABS collects all building activity data on a GST inclusive basis, it publishes value data inclusive of GST in respect of residential construction and exclusive of GST in respect of non-residential construction.

It is appropriate to add the residential and non-residential components to derive total building activity. Valuation of the components of the total is consistent, since, for both components, the value data is recorded inclusive of non-deductible GST paid by the purchaser. As such, total building activity includes the non-deductible GST payable on residential building.

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## About this Release

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